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Amendment dated December 20, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 20-38 are pending in the present application. Claim 23 has been amended.

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 23 has been amended merely to improve accuracy. Claim 23 has not been amended to substantively change scope. Consideration and entry of this amendment to claim 23 thus should not require further consideration and should not be an undue burden. Accordingly, favorable consideration and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicant also respectfully submits that since claim 23 is allowed and has been amended merely to improve accuracy rather than to further distinguish over any prior art, this amendment should not be construed as narrowing scope within the meaning of *Festo*.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

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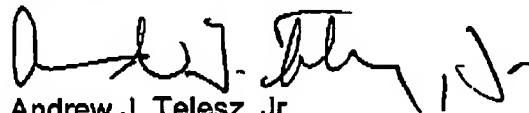
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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